related regulations in tune with the World Anti Doping Code and the rules and regulations framed by the World Anti Doping Agency from time to time.

SAI has a Dope Control Centre (DCC) located at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. DCC has got ISO 9001:2000 and ISO 17025 certification which are mandatory requirements as per International Olympic Committee (IOC) norms for seeking permanent accreditation for the DCC.

Government has dealt with the problem of doping in sports both at preventive and punitive levels. Elaborate efforts are being made by the Sports Authority of India to educate the players. National Sports Federations have been asked to take action against sportspersons found guilty of doping and compliance reports obtained from them. SAI has also taken disciplinary action against coaches in the light of positive dope result in respect of certain sportspersons coached by them.

(c) Question does not arise.

Bribe to selectors of BCCI

1998. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of alleged bribe paid to the National Selectors of BCCI;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the details of enquiry conducted in the matter and the action proposed against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The issue relates to the internal functioning of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which is a body registered under the Societies Registration Act and is autonomous in its functioning.

As such, the Government has no role in this matter. However, BCCI had been asked to apprise the Government of the action it had taken in this regard.

As per information received from the BCCI, during the closing stages of the TVS Cup final in Kolkata on 18-11-2003, two members of the Selection Committee met the BCCI President and verbally reported that Shri Abhijit Kale, a cricketer of Maharashtra Cricket Association, had approached them by offering a monetary consideration for his selection to the Indian team. Subsequently, the two selectors furnished their written reports as per the advice of the President, BCCI. The President, BCCI, after having legal opinion, initiated inquiry on the issue and appointed Shri D.V. Subba Rao, the chairman of Bar Council of India, as Commissioner, as per clause 38 (ii) of the Memorandum and Rules & Regulations of BCCI and set 15 days time to furnish his report. Further, as per clause 38 (vii) of the said Rules, the President, BCCI decided to suspend Sh. Abhijit Kale from participating in any tournament. On the issue of suspension of Sh. Kale, the matter is also pending before the Bombay High Court.

Sh. Subba Rao has recently submitted his report to the BCCI and the same is being considered by its Disciplinary Committee, which will recommend the action against the guilty persons.

Upgrading infrastructure for selection and training

†1999. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts are being made to change existing old infrastructure meant for selection and training of athletes for coming Olympic Games; and

(b) if so,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) The upgradation of existing infrastructure is an on-going process and these are upgraded from time to time keeping in view the requirements of our sportspersons for their participation in major international events. In order to organize

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.